

GENERAL WOUND CARE PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

What can I expect after surgery?

1. Keep the incision dry. When directed by your physician, you may get it wet.
2. Clean the incision with hydrogen peroxide and apply antibiotic ointment twice a day to the incision site, if it is not covered with steristrips.
3. Keep a dressing on the incision area as directed. Your doctor may tell you that you do not need a dressing.
4. Call the office at (727) 341-0551 if you notice any of the following:
 - Fever over 101.5⁰F
 - Increased swelling, redness, or drainage
 - Pain that is not controlled with pain medicine.
5. Showering is usually permitted 48 hours after the surgery.
6. Your postoperative visit is usually scheduled 1 to 2 weeks after surgery.